

**Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting, Study Session and Joint  
Dinner/Idea Exchange with the West Virginia Board of Education  
June 2, 2015**

***SUMMARY MINUTES***

The Kentucky Board of Education held its special meeting and study session on June 2, 2015, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The joint dinner and idea exchange occurred at the Glen Willis House in Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

**I. Call to Order, Full Board, 9:00 a.m. (EDT)**

Chair Roger Marcum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET. He reminded all those present to either mute or turn off their cell phones. Then, Marcum pointed out that today's meeting would consist of items of business during the morning, a study session in the afternoon and a joint dinner/idea exchange with the West Virginia Board of Education in the evening. He also noted that the board's meeting materials could be found on its online materials site and welcomed those viewing the meeting via webcast.

**II. Roll Call**

Next, Chair Marcum asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll. All were present except Mary Gwen Wheeler and Robert King. (See the roll call below.)

Present Board Members:

Mr. Grayson Boyd  
Mr. Leo Calderon  
Ms. Debra Cook  
Mr. Samuel Hinkle  
Mr. David Kareem  
Mr. Roger Marcum  
Mr. Jonathan Parrent  
Ms. Nawanna Privett  
Mr. William Twyman

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler  
Robert King

**III. Approval of Minutes from the April 1, 2015, Regular Meeting and May 7, 2015 Special Meeting**

Chair Marcum moved on to the minutes from the April 1, 2015, regular meeting and the May 7, 2015, special meeting. He asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to these minutes. Since none came forward, he asked for a motion, second and vote to approve them.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the April 1, 2015, regular meeting minutes and the May 7, 2015, special meeting minutes passed with a motion by Mr. Leo Calderon and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Absent

#### **IV. Good News Items**

The following board members shared the noted items of "Good News":

Jay Parrent - Henderson County High School's Early Childhood Education Program received an Excellence in Action Award from the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium. The local program was one of nine recognized by the consortium as representing the best that career and technical education has to offer in the nation. The program was recognized as the result of the school's exemplary business partnerships, extensive job placement opportunities and detailed alignment with college degrees and certifications. It began at Henderson County High School in 1970 and now serves 227 students. By the time the students graduate, they have the opportunity to earn multiple certifications and up to nine college credits. They also have gained a year of internship experience in the preschool classrooms at the Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center. Join me in congratulating this excellent program for receiving this national recognition!

Debbie Cook - A recent report on graduation rates calls Kentucky "a beacon to all other states" and lauds the state's ability to all but eliminate the opportunity gap between low-income students and all other students to graduate on time. The 2015 Building a Grad Nation report is released annually by the Alliance for Excellent Education, America's Promise Alliance, Civic Enterprises and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University. Based on 2013 data, the report shows that Kentucky's overall adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) is 86.1 percent, the tenth highest in the nation. The national high school graduation rate hit a record high of 81.4 percent. Kentucky is one of only two states that graduate 85 percent or more of its low-income students on time. Even though nearly half of Kentucky's students are considered low-income, its graduation rate for low-income students is 85 percent, nearly identical to its graduation rate for middle/high-income students and well above the national average for all students. Nationwide, low-income students are graduating at a rate 15 percentage points behind their more affluent peers. Although we must still improve, join me in congratulating Kentucky educators and administrators for their hard work that is making these results happen and the Governor and First Lady, the General Assembly, and other

education constituent groups, including this board, that pushed hard to raise the dropout rate to 18 and graduate all students college- and career-ready.

**V. Update on Kentucky Department of Education Program Review Audit Pilot (Review Item)  
- Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic  
Priority: Next Generation Learners**

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Division Director Karen Kidwell came forward for this agenda item. A report summarizing the audit process and its results was handed out to the board. Ellis noted that the purpose of the audit is to check the accuracy of the Program Review scores. She asked Karen Kidwell to summarize the report.

Ms. Kidwell pointed out that page two of the report showed the schools that participated in the Program Review audit pilot and emphasized these were scattered across the state geographically and contained a mix of levels. Kidwell stated that four consultants in each program area were trained to conduct the audits and said schools were invited to provide additional evidences for the audit team to examine. She indicated that the audit looked at about 25% of the characteristics from the rubric. Kidwell said that a site visit was performed in each case and that all evidences were examined to consider whether the ratings could be proven to be correct. She called attention to page four of the report where the overall findings appeared.

At this point, Jay Parrent asked who in the school conducts the Program Reviews.

Ms. Kidwell replied that it varies widely from school to school.

Parrent then commented that perhaps there should be a recommended structure for conducting the Program Reviews.

Kidwell noted that process steps exist that must occur but she stated these can be performed by different people.

Chair Marcum asked if the pressure of having an accountability score on the Program Reviews was voiced by the schools.

Kidwell responded that this was not voiced.

Next, Bill Twyman asked if there were any areas at the schools that were rated too low.

Ms. Kidwell replied that no schools rated areas too low.

Sam Hinkle then felt that the overall finding that schools are rating areas too high was extremely concerning.

Karen Kidwell felt that it revealed the need for training and better understanding of how to implement the process.

Mr. Hinkle went on to ask about consequences of having scores that were too high.

Amanda Ellis responded that the next group of schools will be chosen for auditing this fall on the basis of comparing their assessment scores to their ratings on the Program Reviews. She stated that if their scores are found to be inflated, they could be subject to possible consequences.

Hinkle then asked if the Program Reviews should be ended.

Ellis replied that the other content areas are important and emphasized she believes the problems need to be fixed rather than end the Program Reviews.

At this point, Chair Marcum said that the board may want to think about a different kind of assessment for the other content areas such as the approach that is being considered for science. He felt that something with a more formative approach could be examined. Marcum commented that he is still concerned about the subjectivity and self-scoring of the Program Reviews.

Karen Kidwell shared that the bright spot in the situation is that schools are committed to improving their programs.

Chief of Staff Tommy Floyd commented that KDE needs to get a message out to schools about this issue.

Sam Hinkle agreed that a message needs to go to schools and stated it should not be sugar coated.

Chair Marcum did point out that financial cuts have affected schools and can impact this process.

Nawanna Privett commended the department for conducting the audits and providing honest feedback to schools. She felt the process needs to continue.

Marcum went on to say that it is important to communicate about the resources needed for a robust program to exist.

**VI. 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards (Arts) (Second Reading; Action/Discussion Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners**

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Division Director Karen Kidwell also addressed this agenda item. Ms. Ellis shared that last fall was the first reading of the regulation to discuss the addition of the new arts standards as a document incorporated by reference within 704 KAR 3:303 and she reminded the board that these were derived from the national arts standards. She noted that since that first reading, the new arts standards were opened up for additional review and feedback and now it is time to consider their approval.

Karen Kidwell pointed out that the arts standards are developed around 11 anchor standards with there being five disciplines within them. She stated that media arts is new and these standards provide more guidance for teachers.

Chair Roger Marcum asked staff to react to the comments received from the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC).

Ms. Kidwell replied that 700 individuals gave feedback on the arts standards and the majority agreed these were the right way to proceed. She indicated the study of these would start with teachers this summer.

Associate Commissioner Ellis added that some of the LSAC concerns were resource related as well as the feeling that the standards are too rigorous and would require training. She stated that it is a district decision on where to put resources. Ellis clarified that two on LSAC voted against these standards and the rest voted for them. She expressed that the department wants high expectations for students. Their main concern, Ellis noted, seemed to be about the assessment level where students could perform.

Bill Twyman asked what Senate Bill 1 requires relative to these standards.

In response to Twyman's question, General Counsel Kevin Brown read the related part of this statute aloud.

Then, Jay Parrent asked staff to remind the board what involvement Kentucky teachers had in the development of these standards.

Ms. Kidwell responded that Kentucky teachers reviewed the national arts standards when these were issued and Kentucky had one of the highest participation rates in this review. Additionally, she noted that 982 stakeholders gave additional feedback when the department reopened the standards for review in the fall with the result being support of them.

David Karem pointed out that the Rose decision mandated much of what General Counsel Brown read aloud from Senate Bill 1.

Nawanna Privett indicated that the concerns are not with the standards themselves but with how they will be implemented and the time needed to learn them.

Associate Commissioner Ellis interjected that there will be time to learn and dig into the new standards this year with no changes in the Program Review until 2016-17. She stated staff understands these are new but feel they are much more appropriate.

Roger Marcum then said that the resource problem is another factor to add to Nawanna Privett's previous comments.

Sam Hinkle stated that he does not want to set lower standards. He went on to say that we must set high standards and see if students are meeting them. The other step he suggested was working with legislators and others to solve the issues necessary to meet the standards.

Chair Marcum felt it to be a dilemma when the resources are not available to help meet the new standards, but even though he has reservations, he stated, we must have rigorous standards.

Next, Bill Twyman asked for the impact on the overall accountability rating if a school does not score distinguished on the arts Program Review.

Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims replied that if a school does not perform well in one area, it could still be proficient because this only counts one-fifth of a score of 20%.

Chair Marcum then called for a motion, second and vote on 704 KAR 3:303.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards (Arts) passed with a motion by Mr. Samuel Hinkle and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Absent

**VII. 2016-18 Biennial Budget Update for the Kentucky Board of Education (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charlie Harman - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charlie Harman came forward for this agenda item. Desai noted that the same process is being used with the board as last time to prepare for approval of the budget in October. Today, he stated, staff will go over the department's baseline budget and share some suggestions from constituents on possible priorities. In August, Desai explained, the presentation will be devoted to establishing priorities and then these will be shared with superintendents at the summit in September. Then, he stated, final approval of the budget will occur at the October KBE meeting.

Next, Charlie Harman went through the baseline budget using the PowerPoint available on the board's online materials system.

In response to the presentation, Sam Hinkle asked to know what the cost would be to get to 175% of poverty for preschool.

Department staff indicated they would get this data for the board.

Next, Associate Commissioner Desai shared that transportation and career and technical education funding are two areas to consider for priorities that are being suggested from outside constituencies.

Roger Marcum asked that funding for the Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf be added to the list of possible priorities. He felt that leadership in the General Assembly need to visit the schools.

## **VIII. Management Committee Meeting (10:45 a.m. EDT; Tentative Time)**

### **VIII.A. Action/Consent Items**

#### **VIII.A.1. New District Facility Plans: Adair County, Allen County, Ashland Independent, Ballard County, Berea Independent, Bracken County, Cloverport Independent, Dayton Independent, Edmonson County, Estill County, Frankfort Independent, Garrard County, Harrison County, Hazard Independent, Henry County, Jackson Independent, Madison County, McCracken County, Morgan County, Rowan County, Simpson County, Spencer County, Trigg County, Union County, Wayne County and West Point Independent School Districts (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Kay Kennedy came forward for this item. They indicated the new facility plans presented for consideration were being recommended for approval.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote on this item.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of New District Facility Plans from Adair County, Allen County, Ashland Independent, Ballard County, Berea Independent, Bracken County, Cloverport Independent, Dayton Independent, Edmonson County, Estill County, Frankfort Independent, Garrard County, Harrison County, Hazard Independent, Henry County, Jackson Independent, Madison County, McCracken County, Morgan County, Rowan County, Simpson County, Spencer County, Trigg County, Union County, Wayne County and West Point Independent School Districts passed with a motion by Mr. David Kareem and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

#### **VIII.A.2. 2016 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Hiren Desai and Kay Kennedy remained at the table for this item. They recommended approval of the revisions to the bus specifications.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote on this item.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2016 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

**VIII.A.3. Request for approval of school district indirect cost rates for fiscal year 2015-16 (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Hiren Desai and Kay Kennedy explained that the department must bring these forward annually and they recommended approval.

Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on this item.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the request for approval of school district indirect cost rates for fiscal year 2015-16 passed with a motion by Ms. Debra Cook and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

**VIII.B. Action/Discussion Items**

**VIII.B.1. 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bylaws (Second Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

General Counsel Kevin Brown, KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett and KHSAA Counsel Chad Collins came forward for this item. Brown began by saying this is the annual update of the regulation and bylaws that results from the membership voting on proposals followed by the KHSAA Board of Control's action. He stated that following these two votes, the proposals then come before the Kentucky Board of Education. Brown noted that a second piece is language related to football safety issues and a third piece is provided on middle school issues.

Next, Julian Tackett said that KHSAA is planning to look at all of its rules during 2015 to see what they would look like if the desire was to start over and redraft them. He shared that the language related to football safety resulted from wanting to get everyone on the same page regarding the issue of concussions. Tackett then went through the proposals in all three areas.

Once the committee's questions were resolved, Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on the item.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bylaws passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Mr. David Kareem.



Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

**VIII.B.2. 2014 Report, 2014 Exceptions and 2016 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Kerri Schelling and David Baird from the Kentucky School Boards Association were present for this item. Ms. Schelling stated that overall, district board members did a great job of completing their training. She reminded the board that for the first time this year changes were made requiring training in certain areas and in locally-approved training. Schelling pointed out that on page 3 of the written report, the data showed an 1 1/2- hour increase on the hours of training over 2013 and that 97% of members exceeded the minimum number of hours. On page 7, she stated that a summary of those not meeting the required hours appeared with 21 members being in this category and nine of them being appointed late in the year. Schelling went on to say that on the top of page 8, the names of those appointed late in the year and thus not completing all of the training were listed. She said that all of them earned some hours and recommended these individuals be granted an extension. On the bottom of page 8, Schelling pointed out, the individuals listed there came up short but were not appointed late; however, she explained that the ones with a plus sign by their names completed the required number of hours but not by the deadline for when training was supposed to be done.

General Counsel Kevin Brown indicated that on the bottom of page 8, six individuals are listed without plus signs beside their names and that past practice has been for the board to authorize him to send a letter saying they have 30 days to complete the training, and if this timeline is not met, then they would be referred to the Attorney General.

At this point, Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to accept the report, grant extensions for those recommended and accept the 2016 training plan.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2014 Report, 2014 Exceptions and 2016 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

Next, Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote regarding those without a plus sign by their names appearing at the bottom of page 8.

**Committee Subsidiary Motion Passed:** Approval for General Counsel to send a letter to the six individuals without a plus sign by their names and give them 30 days to complete the training, and if the deadline is not met, refer them to the Attorney General passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Mr. David Kareem.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

### **VIII.B.3. Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) FY 2016 Unmet Need for LEAs (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner David Couch came forward for this item. He noted that the unmet need and the expenditure plan come forward every year for approval. He concentrated on what was different from last year and asked for approval of the unmet need first.

Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on this item.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) FY 2016 Unmet Need for LEAs passed with a motion by Ms. Debra Cook and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

### **VIII.B.4. FY 2016 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Expenditure Plan (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

David Couch remained at the table and explained that the expenditure plan contains all of the funding sources to address the unmet need. He pointed out that an additional \$2.9 million would be going toward the high speed network.

Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the expenditure plan.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the FY 2016 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Expenditure Plan passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

## **VIII.C. Review Items**

### **VIII.C.1. 702 KAR 1:170, School District Data Security and Breach Procedures (First Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner David Couch said that this is the first reading of this regulation and shared that staff had prepared guidance for districts relative to a technology breach. He said it will have to be determined if this must be incorporated into the regulation by reference or not. Couch emphasized it to be important for districts to know how to prevent a breach as well as how to handle it if one occurs.

Committee Chair Twyman indicated this would come back for the second reading in August.

### **VIII.C.2. Status Update on School Districts in State Assistance (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai, Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Jim Hamm came forward for this item. Desai began by thanking Dr. Creasman from Fleming County for being present. He continued that efforts are going very well in Robertson and Fleming Counties and Caverna Independent where the implementation of their corrective action plans are proceeding as expected.

Kelly Foster added that next week, systems training for the districts under state assistance will be occurring.

Mr. Hamm noted that Robertson County may hire a new superintendent at its board meeting tonight and said that interviews for a new high school principal in Fleming are occurring. He went on to say that the recent diagnostic review showed that Fleming County has gone from 25 down to seven on the number of improvement priorities to address and felt they have done a great job.

The discussion then moved on to Menifee County where Associate Commissioner Desai said there continue to be significant problems and state staff struggles with getting the district to move forward to address the action items in its improvement plan. He commented that department staff are working with the commissioner on whether to recommend state management in this district.

Mr. Hamm reported that a community forum was held last night in the district that the department helped to organize and also participated in the event. He stated that over 200 people attended and it lasted for three hours. Hamm felt that it went well and the majority of the community are glad that the department is present and appreciated the tone of meeting.

Desai pointed out that the commissioner did fill the vacancy on the local board and it is back to having five members.

Kelly Foster indicated that her staff did an internal review of the district and the results of this have been shared with the district's staff. She summarized that significant issues still exist.

The district continues to struggle financially, Desai stated, even with two department-assigned people there to help with this.

### **VIII.C.3. Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Hiren Desai and Kelly Foster remained at the table and were joined by Larry Hammond, the State Manager in Breathitt County. Desai asked Mr. Hammond to make comments on how things are going in the district.

Mr. Hammond said that the majority of the information appears in the staff note on this item. He did add that current vacancies exist for principals and assistant principals that would soon be resolved, a lot of effort on improving college- and career-readiness is occurring at the high school, board training is ongoing and they will be giving the commissioner three names to consider for superintendent, 25 applications were received for the superintendent's position, and budget challenges continue to exist.

### **IX. Recognition of Alternative Programs of Distinction (11:45 a.m. EDT)**

Chief of Staff Tommy Floyd and Board Chair Roger Marcum conducted a recognition ceremony for the 11 Alternative Programs of Distinction. The following districts/programs were recognized:

- Boyd County, Ramey-Estep High School
- Bullitt County, Bullitt Alternative Center
- Calloway County, Calloway County Day Treatment and Calloway County Alternative Education Center
- Christian County, Christian County Alternative School
- Covington Independent, Covington Independent Alternative Education Program
- Fayette County, The Learning Center at Linlee
- Jefferson County, Western Day Treatment and Maryhurst
- Jessamine County, The Providence School
- Laurel County, The McDaniel Learning Center

In order to be eligible to receive the recognition, school districts nominated their programs based on criteria developed by KDE and the Innovative Pathways for Success Cadre. A three-member panel screened the applications and the finalists received site visits from a three-member team. Each program selected as an Alternative Program of Distinction was awarded \$1,000 for instructional support and presented with a certificate of recognition. Information on the schools also will be posted on the KDE website, so that other schools can use the programs as models.

### **X. Lunch - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (EDT) (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee members only)**

## **XI. Study Session on Deeper Learning - From Practice to Policy - Dr. Monica R. Martinez (1:00 p.m. EDT)**

The afternoon session consisted of a study session on "deeper learning" led by author, educational consultant and strategist, Dr. Monica Martinez. Chair Roger Marcum introduced Dr. Martinez as a co-author of the book, *Deeper Learning: How Eight Innovative Public Schools Are Transforming Education in the Twenty-First Century*. He noted that board members read the book in preparation for the session. Marcum said members hoped to learn more about what "deeper learning" actually looks like as well as policies that may need to be considered to promote this kind of learning in the state for the future. Before turning it over to Dr. Martinez, he recognized the representatives of ten of Kentucky's Instructional Leadership Network districts who were present to participate in the study session. The districts that were represented were Boone County, Corbin Independent, Danville Independent, Eminence Independent, Jefferson County Public Schools, Owensboro Independent, Owsley County, Shelby County, Taylor County and Trigg County. He commended each of these districts on participating in the study session and for their innovative work. At this point, Marcum turned the session over to Dr. Martinez.

Dr. Martinez took the rest of the afternoon to conduct the study session. The materials she used for the session and her PowerPoint are found on the board's online materials site.

At the end of the session, Chair Marcum thanked Dr. Martinez for her work and taking the time to share her knowledge with the board. Then, he stated that the board would stand in recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. However, he went on to say that tonight there will be a joint dinner and idea exchange between the Kentucky Board of Education and the West Virginia Board of Education at the Glen Willis House in Frankfort. Marcum stressed that no action will occur at the dinner.

## **XII. Recess**

### **XIII. Joint Dinner and Idea Exchange for the Kentucky Board of Education and West Virginia Board of Education (5:30-8:30 p.m. EDT; Glen Willis House, 900 Wilkinson Blvd, Frankfort, KY; No action to occur).**

The Kentucky Board of Education and the West Virginia Board of Education participated in a joint dinner and idea exchange at a local Frankfort restaurant. Topics that were discussed included assessment and accountability, increasing academic achievement, effective communication strategies, standards review process, effective strategies for standards implementation, building on strengths and challenges for the future and potential areas for future collaboration by the two boards. The West Virginia Board also was scheduled to attend the June 3 session to see another state board's format for conducting its meeting. No action was taken during the dinner and discussion. The board officially stood in recess after this event.

#### **XIII.A. Dinner**

#### **XIII.B. General Discussion and Idea Exchange on Areas of Mutual Interest - Facilitated by Anthony Marchese, Appalachian Regional Comprehensive Center**

**XIII.C. Adjournment of Joint Dinner Meeting and Idea Exchange (Full Board will reconvene for its regular business meeting at 8:30 a.m. on June 3.)**

**XIV. Recess**